

REMARKS

Restriction has been required between Claims 1-14, drawn to an method of manufacturing a light-conductive pipe; Claims 15-19, drawn to a light pipe; and Claims 20-22, drawn to an integrated linear array of light-conductive pipes. **Applicant hereby elect Group III, claims 20-22.** The election is made with traverse with respect to the restriction between elected product claim 20 (and claims dependent thereon) and method of making claim 8 (and claims dependent thereon).


Original claim 8 has been essentially rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of parent claims 1 and 7. Process of making claim 8 and elected product claim 20 include essentially commensurate limitations. The process as claimed accordingly cannot be used to make other and materially different products, and the product as claimed cannot be made by a materially different process. Note specifically that the claimed light pipe product is specifically directed towards an injection molded product, which would result in a product physically distinct from a light pipe product made by a drawing process as proposed by the Examiner. Restriction is accordingly not proper on this ground alone. Further, such claims are essentially directed towards the same inventive concept, and there are fewer than 20 claims present after entry of the present amendment. Consideration of such claims together by the Examiner accordingly would not appear to result in an undue burden.

New claims 23-26 presented herewith are dependent upon elected claim 20, and accordingly should be considered along with elected claims 20-22. Support for such claims may be found throughout the original specification, and specifically in original claims 16-19. New claims 27-29 presented herewith dependent upon claim 8 similarly find support in the original specification, and specifically original claims 2-4.

While it is believed all remaining claims should be examined together for the reasons set forth above, as process of making claims 8-14 and 27-29 have been amended to essentially include all the limitations of elected product claim 20, rejoinder of such process of making claims upon allowance of elected product claim 8 is alternatively respectfully requested if the Examiner were to maintain the restriction requirement.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested. A prompt and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe any remaining issues may be resolved via a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' representative at the number below to discuss such issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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